

**DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the Village Hall**

Present: Mr J. Tucker, Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mr M. Austin, Mr A. Clark, Mr P. Seller, Mrs P. Rogers, Mr P. Heal and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Apologies: Mrs M Squires

[2021/10/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] **Matters Arising:** Mel Stride had asked for the council to provide a map showing the trees that were causing a problem along the A377.

[3] A member of the public presented a list of improvements needed around the village and offered to help where possible. He suggested a willow tree to suck up the dampness in the lower part of the green. The bench at the top of the green needed repair and there was grass in the concrete.

Various signposts needed repair which was the responsibility of Devon Highways. Repair of the lych gate was a matter for the P.C.C. as was the pond in Howard's Spinney.

There was a current proposal to fell a Copper Beech behind the bungalows. The Council agreed to contact M.D.D.C. with their objections.

**[4] Village Hall**

The A.G.M. was due to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The recent application for a grant had been unsuccessful. The barbecue had been a success but not everyone had received invitations. It was suggested that Wi-fi be installed.

**[5] Village Green**

There were plans to purchase 10 apple trees. It was necessary to look at the drainage. Tree guards would be necessary. An application would be made for a plaque in honour of the Platinum Jubilee.

**[6] Financial report**

Current Account Balance as at 1/9/2021 ..... £16,526.07

INCOME: None

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EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed:

388 A. Martin [Clerk's salary] ..... £500.00  
389 Community First [Insurance] ..... £192.79  
391 C. Barber [Tree Surgery] ..... £500.00

Current Account Balance as at 1/10/2021 ..... £15,333.28

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/9/2021 ..... £11,566.63

Interest: September £0.10

Balance as at 7/10/2021 ..... £11,566.73

Requests For Payment:

M. Leach [Grasscutting July/August] ..... £190.00

7) **Planning:** The following applications are awaiting decision.

**Notification of intention to fell 1 Yew tree within the Conservation Area** Wistaria Cottage  
Down St Mary Crediton Devon EX17 6DU Ref. No: 21/01143/CAT | Status: Awaiting decision

**Removal of Condition 9 relating to the occupation of the dwellings of Planning Permission  
19/01461/OUT - Outline for the erection of 4 dwellings with associated garaging and  
parking following demolition of existing buildings** Land and Buildings at NGR 274927  
105148 Morchard Road Devon Ref. No: 21/00535/FULL | Status: Awaiting decision

8) **Defibrillators:** There are six months left to make a decision.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall.

Future Dates to be decided at the next meeting

Anthony Martin, Clerk                      5/11/2021

Signed ..... Date .....